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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 11:19 AM [bigboysjeb@yahoo.com](mailto:bigboysjeb@yahoo.com)  
**To:** 'James Brown'  
**Subject:** RE: STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS

Dear Mr. Brown,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
 Administrative Assistant

**From:** James Brown [<mailto:mail@change.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 2:26 AM  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS

Dear Public Service Commission member,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Members of the SC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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 STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS

Today, I signed this petition that urges you (SC PSC) to oppose allowing DUKE ENERGY power company to raise my (Residential, Commercial or Industrial) energy bills to pay for Duke Energy who is asking to begin recouping \$6.5 billion it says it has spent to modernize its system in the Carolinas and comply with environmental regulations.

Simply put, "This is their (Duke Energy's) cost of doing business here in South Carolina". We thoroughly recognize that one must spend money to make money.

By your approval of raising ENERGY BILLS on families, seniors, and businesses (commercial/industrial) will only slow economic growth and hurt SOUTH CAROLINA'S economic recovery.

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 Sincerely,

Very Concerned South Carolinian

I feel the very same way as most people who are responding to this petition. Simply put, I can hardly pay my Duke Energy monthly bill, as it's already way too high. But does that matter to Duke ? I think not.

I am disabled, from Diabeties, poor vision, and an amputee as well. My medicine bill is tremendous every month, yet, there is hardly any choice as far as things I must do first !

And as many of you folks on " Social Security " ( if you wanna call it that ), already know, this is the 2nd. year in a row that we did not get a cost of living increase. GO WHITE HOUSE. So we continue to buy gas, groceries and all the other necessities of this life.

But I assure you,, in another 10 years without this " rate increase ", and odds are, Duke Energy will still be here, askin again for more of our money.

Lets do our best, together, to see it doesn't get it !

James Brown  
Greenville, SC

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at [www.change.org/petitions/sc-public-service-commission-stop-the-energy-rate-hike-request-by-duke-energy-carolinas](http://www.change.org/petitions/sc-public-service-commission-stop-the-energy-rate-hike-request-by-duke-energy-carolinas). To respond, email [responses@change.org](mailto:responses@change.org) and include a link to this petition.